

## [E. A. Houston]

### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Harley Anderson ADDRESS Niobrara, Nebraska

DATE November 17, 1938 SUBJECT Earley day Folklore

1. Name and address of informant E. A. Houston, Niobrara, Nebraska.
2. Date and time of interview 11-17-1938 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
3. Place of interview in Niobrara at E. A. Houston's office
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant Everett T. Houston.
5. Name and Address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Just an old frame building for office on Main Street decorated with deer heads mounted timber owl and other birds has all shelves full of books and many pictures of old hunting parties on the walls.

### FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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### FORM B Personal History of Informant

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NAME OF WORKER Harley Anderson ADDRESS Niobrara, Nebraska

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT E. A. Houston, Niobrara, Nebraska

1. Ancestry American
2. Place and date of birth Marion, Iowa. Does not care to give date of birth.
3. Family A. P. Houston, father; Catherine Houston (mother) Father was a farmer.
4. Place lived in, with dates Lived in Iowa until her moved to Nebraska at Niobrara, Knox county, in October 1884. Has been here ever since.
5. Education, with dates Iowa Public Schools, Cornell College, situated at Mount Vernon, Iowa 1879-80-81.
6. Occupation and accomplishments, with dates Lawyer, admitted to the Bar in Iowa in October 1883; admitted to the Bar in Nebraska in late fall of 1884. County Attorney Knox County, Nebraska 1890-1891. At present City Attorney, Niobrara, Nebraska.
7. Special skills and interests Took great interest in baseball in younger days. Played on Niobrara team (shortstop) in 1886 - 87 - 88 Enjoyed hunting when younger.
8. Community and religious activities Chamber of Commerce, Mason, Supports churches but does not belong to any particular denomination.
9. Description of informant Height 5 ft. 6 in; Weight 160 pounds; dark blue eyes ; black hair when younger, now grey, light complexion; heavy set. Extraordinary physical strength for small man when younger. Name among Indiana was : "Little Stout."

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10. Other points gained in interview Family in this country originated from two brothers who came to this country from Ireland before American revolution, being forced to flee Ireland to escape hanging for attempting to start rebellion in Ireland [against the British?]. One brother ( Southern branch of family ) settled in Virginia and retained spelling of name as in Ireland, viz: "Houston." Other brother went to New York and in hope of deceiving the British dropped the "o" from his name, spelling it "Huston". Sam Houston (of Texas fame) is supposed to be connected with the southern branch of the family. A son of E. A. Houston, Everett T. Houston is practicing law with him at Niobrara.